Date submitted (Mountain Standard Time): 7/10/2019 5:55:00 PM

First name: Glenn Last name: Wikle Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Project scoping feedback

- The project plan should address the impact of the project on global warming. Scientific research has found that the most powerful and practical solution to global warming within the jurisdiction of the Forest Service is to plant trees that will sequester carbon. Fire and thinning has the opposite effect: increasing carbon emissions. Removing trees by any method removes valuable carbon sinks. The Forest Service must use a scientific approach to assess the environmental impact that would be caused by increased carbon emissions resulting from the project.
- The actual scope of this project is 107,000 acres. It appears the project has been broken into smaller projects for the express purpose of avoiding the requirement to produce an Environmental Impact Statement. The Forest Service must comply with the intent of the law and produce an Environmental Impact Statement.
- Analysis of the project should be site-specific, not "condition-based".
- The period for submitting feedback must be extended to account for a bug on the project web site that made it impossible to submit email to the correct email address. An unknown number of people submitting comments found their comments had "bounced" as undeliverable.
- The Forest Service must allow equal time for opposition groups to speak at public information sessions: it's not healthy or democratic for government to silence any subset of its constituents.